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SUBJECT MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: COMMODITIES - UNCTAD COMMON
FUND MEETING NOVEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 2

REF: STATE 191312,

1. DURING OCTOBER 26 COURTESY CALL BY DCM ON EMMANUEL FARRUGIA, CONSELOR, MINISTRY OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. FARRUGIA STATED THAT GOM SUPPORTED G-77 COMMON FUND FOR COMMODITIES PROPOSAL MORE OUT OF LOYALTY TO G-77 THAN BECAUSE OF MALTESE NATIONAL INTERESTS. HE POINTED OUT THAT MALTA DOES NOT EXPORT ANY RAW MATERIALS BUT RELIES HEAVILY ON RAW MATERIAL IMPORTS AND THEREFORE WILL NOT BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED COMMON FUND. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE MALTESE DELEGATION AT GENEVA IN ITS PARTICIPATION IN G-77 DISCUSSIONS IS TO KEEP MALTA'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMON FUND AT AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

2. GOVERNMENT OF MALTA POSITIONS ON ISSUES RELATED TO THE COMMON FUND ARE DEVELOPED IN VALLETTA AND INVOLVE MAURICE ABELA, SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF COMMONWEALTH AND
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FOREIGN AFFAIRS IF THE ISSUE IS RELATIVELY MINOR AND THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. MINTOFF, IF THE ISSUE IS A MAJOR ONE. THE MALTESE DELEGATION AT GENEVA HAS RELATIVELY LITTLE DISCRETION.

3. CURRENTLY, MR. ALFRED ZARB IS ACTING PERMANENT DELEGATE AT GENEVA AS MR. EVARIST SALIBA, MALTA'S PERMANENT DELEGATE,

IS PART OF THE MALTESE DELEGATION TO CSCE MEETING AT BELGRADE.
NO OTHER OFFICIALS FROM MALTA ARE EXPECTED TO GO TO THE
NOVEMBER MEETING. LAINGEN

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